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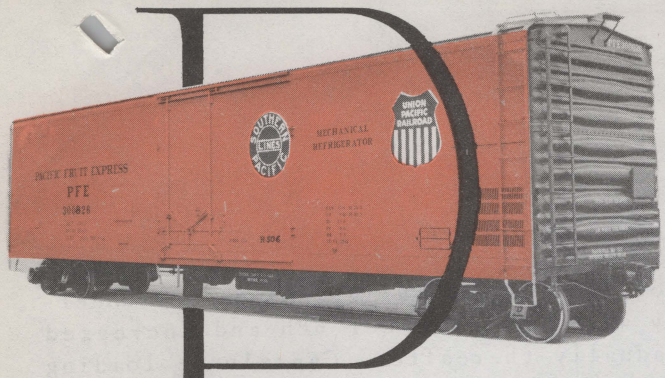

NEWS LETTER

PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS COMPANY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 1959

P.F.E. LOADINGS

	1959			1958		
	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total
August	*24,576*	*2,005*	*26,581*	*25,425*	*2,562*	*27,987*
January-August	*203,628*	*26,325*	*229,953*	*218,698*	*22,822*	*241,520*

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CAR SITUATION

The general car situation during month of September has been satisfactory with ample supplies in all principal areas. Prompt return of PFE cars unloading in the East has provided a substantial daily Westbound tide of empties through our Contract Lines gateways which, with foreign cars developing from unloads, has afforded adequate protection for business offering, and a continued protection is indicated for remainder of month without borrowing foreigns from eastern lines. In contrast with satisfactory general car situation, mechanical cars on Contract Lines are in short supply. Shortage of mechanical cars has been confined to fresh fruit and vegetable loading for which mechanical cars are furnished only after fully protecting all frozen food requirements.

CROP CONDITIONS

ALONG UNION PACIFIC -

Utah-Idaho District: Potato production in western Idaho is in full swing and digging has started in eastern Idaho. Although markets have been unfavorable since commencement of the deal, loading has been moving in good volume and will increase with more favorable markets. Prune harvest reached peak of production September 11th and loading will decrease gradually during remainder of month. Onion movement will continue in normal seasonal volume ranging from 20 to 25 cars daily through the month. Losses of approximately 200 cars of onions and 100 tree fruit resulted from rains in Idaho during third week of September when harvesting of those crops was in full swing.

Northwestern District: Shipping from this district is running below September last year due to a considerable portion of cannery pears being shipped by truck this season which previously were shipped by rail. Other tree fruits and frozen foods are moving in normal seasonal volume. Beer shipments from Seattle area are moving predominantly in box cars and trucks so that miscellaneous shipping this year will show a decrease compared with September last year.

Eastern District: Northern Colorado potatoes are underway and should continue to average 5 to 7 cars per day through the month. Colorado vegetables should continue to move in steady seasonal volume at rate of 5 to 7 cars per day with bulk of produce moving by truck. Packing house products and miscellaneous commodities from Missouri River points will continue to move at present seasonal rate.

ALONG SOUTHERN PACIFIC -

Oregon: Contrary to earlier expectations, Rogue River Valley pear crops are showing up lighter than last year in all varieties. Shipping to canneries got underway early in month and shipping to fresh markets commenced week of September 13th. Movement should continue in steady volume through remainder of month. Klamath potato crop is progressing satisfactorily with some digging getting underway during week of September 20th.

Northern California: Tree fruit shipments are in seasonal decline with principal remaining movement originating along Northwestern Pacific and in Placerville area. Lodi grape shipping entered peak volume during first week of September and movement continued heavy through third week; however, rain experienced on 17th and 18th caused considerable damage to remaining crop. Shipping of juice grapes from San Joaquin Valley points got underway week of September 6th and increased gradually thereafter. Cantaloupe loading is in seasonal decline; however, shipments will continue in decreasing volume into October. Fall tomato deal in Stockton area reached maturity during week of September 6th, but loading was light until Eastern crops harvested late in September. Good increase in movement of California crops materialized in last full week of September and will run in good volume until October frosts. Salinas lettuce crops have passed peak of production, but loading should continue in fairly good volume through September. The lettuce market has been very good, but with poor quality resulting from rain, indications are loading will fall off by end of month. Miscellaneous vegetables, particularly those in the Salinas district, should continue through September in good volume.

Southwestern District: First shipments of Willcox lettuce moved on September 10th and loadings have increased daily with volume shipments underway during week of September 13th. Continued good markets should cause movement from this area to be in good volume into October. Other Southwestern district loading is centered in area West of Banning and consists of citrus fruits, vegetables, bananas, and frozen foods; all of which are moving in normal seasonal volume.

T&NO: Citrus fruits in Rio Grande Valley are progressing satisfactorily and about a 30% crop increase is in prospect. An appreciable amount of this should move via rail under new incentive rates. Shipping should get underway late this month and continue through Fall and Winter. Weather has been satisfactory and planting of Winter vegetables is well underway.

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The following PFE people have recently retired from our service and to each of them we extend our best wishes for a long and happy retirement:

Ralph M. Aupperle	Repairman-Helper	Council Bluffs
Harold J. Carney	Sr. Diversion Clerk	Chicago
Ray P. Davidson	Carman	Tucson
John E. Faust	Foreman	Los Angeles
Mrs. Alice T. Fleet	AAR-Consultant	San Francisco
Juan G. Franco	Carman-Helper	Los Angeles
Tony J. Graves	Carman	Colton
Harry Grote	Clerk-Timekeeper	Tucson
Jose Jimenez	Iceman	El Paso
Elmer Johnson	Carman	Los Angeles
Alvin C. Lyon	General Foreman	Colton
Miss Leondus M. Patterson	Head Ice Accounts Clerk	San Francisco
Robert E. Powers	Assistant Supervisor	Chicago
Fred S. Preston	Iceman	North Platte
Brigham L. Price	Carman	Pocatello
Morris E. Smith	Shift Engineer	Nampa
Raymond W. Styer	Lead Workman-Carman	Los Angeles
Roy L. Waggoner	Carman	Roseville
Joseph Walbrook	Carman	Los Angeles

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The Management extends congratulations and best wishes to following PFE employes who reached service anniversaries with our Company during month of September 1959:

40 YEARS SERVICE

G. D. Donat	Agency	Pocatello

35 YEARS SERVICE

G. W. Boehm	AGM's Office	Chicago
R. J. Paluszek	AGM's Office	Chicago
M. A. Hunt	Superintendent's Office	Ogden

30 YEARS SERVICE

A. A. Gresens	AGM's Office	Chicago
Hugh H. Roberts	Store Department	Roseville
Alfred A. Pinther	Car Department	Nampa
Floyd S. Evans	Car Department	Pocatello
Brigham L. Price	Car Department	Pocatello
Raleigh M. Weaver	Car Department	Pocatello
Donald C. Hatcher	Ice Plant	Council Bluffs
Francis W. Astill	Ice Plant	Roseville

25 YEARS SERVICE

George E. Kenfield	Store Department	Los Angeles
Antonio Elizalde	Car Department	Los Angeles
Edward F. Innes	Car Department	Los Angeles
Stanley Johnson	Car Department	Los Angeles
Louis Lara	Car Department	Los Angeles
Joe M. Sanchez	Car Department	Los Angeles
John F. Salminen	Car Department	Nampa
Richard C. Trottman	Car Department	Nampa
Frank Oliva	Car Department	Roseville
James L. Willis	Car Department	Roseville

20 YEARS SERVICE

J. W. Sukraw	Agency	Kansas City
C. E. Hardin	Agency	Kansas City
F. S. Rinehart	Agency	Kansas City
F. E. Reed	Agency	Kansas City
Walter R. Bowman	Car Department	Los Angeles
Romolo R. Fazzi	Car Department	Los Angeles
Howard C. Jones	Car Department	Los Angeles
Kenneth H. Jones	Car Department	Nampa
Thomas J. Warren	Ice Plant	Council Bluffs

15 YEARS SERVICE

Mrs. Lorraine G. Gilbertson	Accounting Department	San Francisco
Miss R. T. Herrick	AGM's Office	Chicago
L. S. Peterson	Agency	Salt Lake City
C. R. Kornegay	Agency	Houston
A. G. Barnett	Agency	Hearne
J. A. Musso	Agency	New Orleans
Bill T. Claiborne	Car Department	Roseville
Michael Wachsmann	Car Department	Tucson

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"Most people take better care of their automobiles than their brains--they seldom put cheap fuel in their cars."

--Roscoe Brown Fisher

CHAS. AHERN
Vice President & General Manager